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SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FRANGIE TO PRESIDENT NIXON

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMB OFF'S TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT FRANGIE TO PRESIDENT NIXON QUOTE AS YOU MEETT WITH HIS
EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, MR. LEONID BREZHNEV,
TO EXAMINE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WORLD PROBLEMS, I BELIEVE
IT IS MY DUTY TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO A TRAGEDY WE ARE
EXPERIENCING THAT IS A THREAT TOO PEACE ON EARTH AND
REFLECTS ON THE EFFORTS YOU HAVE MADE IN
PURSUIT OF A PEACE BUILD ON JUSTICE.

2. THE MIDDLE EAST REGION HAS FOR YEARS BEEN ONE OF THE
BASIC HOT SPOTS THREAENING WORLD PEACE. AFTER THE
EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE, ESPECIALLY BY THE TWO
GREAT POWERS, AND AFTER THE POSITIVE RESULTS THESE HAVE
BROUGHT IN THE SEPARATION OF FORCES ON THE TWO FRONTS OF
SINAI AND GOLAN, THERE ARE STILL CONSPICUOUS REASONS
TO FEAR FOR PEACE. THEIR ORIGIN IS ISRAEL'S ESCALATION
OF ITS AGGRESSIVE POLICY AGAINST LEBANON. IT IS
AS IFF THESE EFFORTS MERELY GAVE IT THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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DEAL IN ISOLATION WITH LEBANON AND THE PALESTINIAN

PEOPLE RESIDENT ON ITS TERRITORY.

3. WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY IN LEBANON WILL INEVITABLY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THIS AREA AS A WHOLE. PERHAPS IT IS IN THE NATURE OF THIS COUNTRY AND ONE OF THE FIRM RULES OF ITS HISTORY THAT THE WHOLE REGION SHOULD BE AFFECTED BY WHAT TAKES PLACE IN IT. THERE IS NO NEED TO EMPHASIZE HOW CLOSELY LINKED ARE ALL ISSUES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

4. ISRAEL HAS CONTINUED FOR SOME TIME TO CLAIM THAT IT IS STRIKING LEBANON TO BRING IT TO PUT EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON THE PALESTINIAN FEDAYEEN. IT HAS ALSO CLAIMED THAT IT IS STRIKING LEBANON BECAUSE OF ITS INABILITY TO EXERT THE PRESSURE REQUESTED. AND TODAY WE SEE IT ACCUSING LEBANON OF ENCOURAGING THE ACTIONS OF A GROUP OF FEDAYEEN IN THE HEART OF ISRAEL. EACH TIME AN OPERATION OCCURS, ISRAEL HURRIES TO ANNOUNCE LEBANON'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT.

5. LEBANON'S PEACEFUL POLICY IS AN ATTESTED INTERNATIONAL FACT. WHEN LEBANON WELCOMED THE PALESTINIAN FUGITIVES WHO TOOK REFUGE IN IT BECAUSE OF ZIONIST AGGRESSION, IT WAS UNDERTAKING A DUTY IMPOSED BY FRATERNAL AND HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS, AS A MEMBER STATE, HELPING THE UNITED NATIONS CARRY OUT WHAT THIS ORGANIZATION CONSIDERED TO BE ITS DUTY, IN SPITE OF ITS SMALL GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES.

6. ISRAEL'S USE OF WHAT PALESTINIAN INDIVIDUALS ARE DOING AS A PRETEXT TO JUSTIFY ITS SAVAGE ACTS IS REJECTED. HOW CAN ONE PERMIT A COMPARISON BETWEEN WHAT IS DONE BY YOUTHS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM ISRAEL'S OPPRESSION, ITS DESTITUTION OF THEM, ITS CONTINUAL MALTREATMENT OF THEM, AND ITS VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS AND WHAT IS DONE BY A STATE WITH ITS REGULAR FORCES, VIOLATING THE SANCTITY OF THE LAW WITH ITS INFRINGEMENT OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS AND ITS VIOLATION OF ALL HUMAN AND MORAL LAWS BY KILLING HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN AND OLD AND SICK PEOPLE, ALL OF WHICH IS REMINISCENT OF THE ATROCITIES OF NAZISM, WHICH WILL REMAIN A BLOT UPON HUMAN HISTORY.

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7. ISRAEL DOES NOT CONTENT ITSELF WITH DESTITUTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND CONTINUING ITS ATTEMPTS TO WIPE OUT ITS PERSONALITY AND OBLITERATE ITS FEATURES FROM THE LEGAL POINT OF VIEW. INSTEAD, IT STRIKES VIOLENT BLOWS AND RELIES ON BARBARIC MEANS EFFECTIVELY TO DESTROY THIS PEOPLE, EXPLOITING ANY DELAY ON THE PART OF STATES IN RECOGNIZING THE FULL NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE

PALESTINIANS.

8. LEBANON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME OF DESTITUTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND PREVENTING IT FROM EXERCISING ITS RECOGNIZED AND LEGAL RIGHT TO RETURN TO ITS HOMELAND. LIKEWISE, LEBANON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, FOR RESISTANCE ACCOMPANIES ANY UNJUST OCCUPATION AND VIOLATION OF RIGHTS. THE HISTORY OF RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS BEARS WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT VIOLENCE MERELY INCREASES THEIR STRENGTH AND SCOPE.

9. THE LOGIC OF FORCE, OF DISDAIN FOR INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM AND LAWS, AND OF DENIAL OF MORAL LAWS AND VALUES CANNOT BE A BASIS FOR THE STABILITY AND JUST PEACE WHICH EVERYONE WHO VALUES PEACE IN THIS REGION AND IN THE WORLD SEEKS. LEBANON, ON THE BASIS OF ITS FIDELITY TO ITS PRINCIPLES AND ITS PEACEFUL MISSION, WATCHES WITH GREAT INTEREST, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, FOR THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS YOU ARE NOW HOLDING IN MOSCOW AND WHICH I BELIEVE INCLUDE ISRAEL'S ESCALATING POLICY OF AGGRESSION AND THE RESULTING DEATH, DESTRUCTION, AND DANGERS BEFALLING LEBANESE SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY AND THREATENING PEACE IN THE REST OF THE AREA.

10. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT YOU BEAR AND THE FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT YOU HARBOR FOR LEBANON AND ITS PEOPLE WILL CAUSE YOU TO APPRECIATE THE FULL TRUTH AND DANGER OF THE SITUATION AND TO WORK TO MAKE HASTE IN FINDING SALUTARY SOLUTIONS GUARANTEEING THE RESTORATION OF RIGHT AND ANCHORING THE FIRM BASES OF STABILITY AND JUST PEACE.

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11. IN WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR TALKS SO THAT WHAT ALL PEOPLES STRIVE FOR MAY BE ACHIEVED, I SEND MY SINCERE GREETINGS AND MY BEST WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY PERSONALLY AND TO THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

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